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Old Guard Experts Show Opposition to Rule Big Convention.

STAMPEDE ONLY FEAR

Hughes Favored over T. R. but Popularity Fails to Stir Enthusiasm.

By JOHN C. O'LAUGHLIN.

Washington, April 1. — Colonel Theodore Roosevelt cannot be nominated for the presidency at the Republican national convention, is the claim of the "Old Guard," as a result of the scrutiny given to the delegates already elected. It is declared that of the delegates elected or candidates now running at least 600 are opposed to the colonel. There will be 985 delegates in the convention under the new apportionment. Therefore a substantial majority will go down the line to nominate some man other than the Sage of Oyster Bay.

Here is how the "Old Guard" make up the convention on the first ballot:

John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts	18
Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana	126
A. B. Cummins, of Iowa	114
L. Y. Sherman, of Illinois	104
T. E. Burton, of Ohio	108
Elihu Root, of New York	37
Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania	76
T. Coleman Du Pont, of Delaware	50
R. M. La Follette, of Wisconsin	34
Colonel Roosevelt	2
Scattering	116
Total	985

Those expected to stick by the program of the "old guard" will be made up of a majority of the delegates pledged to Weeks, Fairbanks, Burton, Sherman and Root, with some from the Cummins and LaFollette lists.

WILL FEAR A STAMPEDE.

What the "old guard" fear is a stampede to the colonel after the convention is in session. It is realized that the decision of the convention may be largely influenced by a foreign incident. Should a vessel be sunk with appalling loss of life and the country rise in indignation, the convention will be swept by the

Roosevelt sentiment. The "old guard" is therefore praying for a time of foreign peace and quiet both in the European theater of war and in Mexico.

It is generally recognized that the "old guard" want Associate Justice Hughes. It looks upon service under him with dread, but above everything else, it desires a man who can win. By reason of the silence imposed upon him by his position, Mr. Hughes has made no enemies. The German-American vote probably would be cast for him. Colonel Roosevelt, it is said, would be inclined to support him. The Republicans would back him to a man. If it were not for the fear of the Republican leaders that Mr. Hughes would be a difficult taskmaster, they would be more active for him than they are. It is known that ex-Senator Crane, former Postmaster General Hitchcock and William Barnes Jr., of New York are pressing Hughes, not because they love him, but because they hate Col. Roosevelt.

ROOSEVELT OR HUGHES.

It is generally admitted that either Roosevelt or Hughes will be the nominee, though the several actual candidates are hopeful the lightning may strike one of the rods they have run up. The character of the candidates, no less than the delegates which are being elected and selected, assures, it is pointed out, the domination of the Republican convention by the anti-Roosevelt element. Weeks, Burton, Fairbanks and Sherman would like the colonel's support, but no one of them would back him for the nomination under any circumstances. Senator Cummins, who, while remaining a Republican, voted for the colonel in 1912, is the single real Progressive out for the nomination, but he has not the strength throughout the country to assure him the combination.

It is claimed there is a general agreement in force in the several states of the South to divide the votes of the delegates from those states between Fairbanks, Weeks and Burton. It is declared that the plan is to pick men as delegates who derive personal profit by the reduction made in southern representation. These men will act cautiously in order to improve the reputation of that section in the Republican party, and par-



Mr. A. M. DECKER.

Mr. A. M. Decker, of this city, and F. W. Harrop, once pastor of M. E. Church here left last Wednesday for Saratoga Springs, New York to attend the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church which holds its meeting at that place. The conference will be made up of delegates from all over the world, and will hold a six week's session. Kentucky has five delegates, and Mr. Decker though not a minister of the gospel, was elected by the largest vote of any of the delegates in Kentucky.

It is expected that some great changes will be made in the government of the church throughout the world, one among others is that it is expected that the two branches of the M. E. Church will be consolidated, in this event it will be the largest protestant church in the world, as its membership will reach something like eleven million members.

Mr. Decker and Rev. Harrop, will go by way of Washington D. C. and will stop for a day or two, then to New York City where they will spend some time reaching Saratoga on May first the day the conference will be called to order.

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ticularly in the national committee. There will be no contests to speak of before the committee, so that that body will be able to operate without any of the steam-roller tactics that disgraced it in 1912. At this time the disposition is to divide the delegates from Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi, so as to give Burton, Weeks and Fairbanks an equal share. It was intended to include North Carolina in this scheme of division, but reports are that practically the entire delegation from that state is for Roosevelt.

FIGURES ON FAVORITES.
Representatives of the several candidates in Washington are

for Cummins are already added, as are 10 in South Dakota; 8 in North Dakota for LaFollette; 8 in New Hampshire claimed for Weeks and 21 votes conceded to Fairbanks in Kentucky, and the whole number exceeds half of the convention.

Proceeding upon the hypothesis that some of these votes might be lost after the first ballot, the managers of the several candidates figure that this will be far more than discounted by the total number counted upon by each as the result of work already done by them in the preliminary campaign.

CLAIMS MADE FOR WEEKS.

The Weeks men give the largest definite claims. The manager of the campaign of the Massachusetts senator is O. M. Weller, who ran for governor on the Republican ticket in Maryland at the last election. Also in Washington and actively interested in the Weeks campaign is George H. Moses, former minister to Greece, now head of the Republican publicity bureau and a delegate at large from New Hampshire. It is stated for the senator that he will have 60 votes in New England, 25 in Missouri, 10 in Kansas, 9 in North Carolina, 5 in Florida, 6 in Alabama, 6 in Tennessee, 2 in Kentucky, 8 in Oklahoma, 4 in Texas, 4 in Georgia, 4 in Mississippi, 4 in Virginia, 6 in Washington, 2 in Oregon, 4 in California, 6 in New York and 4 in New Jersey—168 in all.

As the Fairbanks people put down two for themselves in New Hampshire, the Burton managers contend the fourteen delegates from Connecticut are for him, and Massachusetts is in the throes of a primary fight to be held on May 25, with two tickets in the field, one unpledged and including Governor McCall and the other pledged for Roosevelt, it may be said that the claim of sixty delegates for Weeks in New England is somewhat nebulous, yet giving him 30 in his home state, 10 in Rhode Island, 8 in New Hampshire, 6 in Maine and 6 in Vermont, he will make the figure predicted.

CLAIMS FOR BURTON.

Former Senator Burton is represented in Washington by Granville W. Mooney, at one time speaker of the Ohio house, and has active headquarters. He de-

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KNOXVILLE BOOSTERS

The following is a letter from the Knoxville Boosters:

Knoxville, Tenn.

April 29, 1916

Editor Mountain Advocate,
Barbourville, Ky.

Dear Sir:

We want to assure you that we sincerely appreciate the cordial co-operation which you rendered and which assisted us so largely in making Knoxville's First Trade Trip into your territory a pronounced success.

Won't you please convey to your citizens our appreciation of the splendid reception accorded our party upon the occasion of their visit to Barbourville? Our visit to your city will always remain fresh in the minds of each Trade tripper as one of the bright spots on what proved to be a brilliant trip from beginning to end, and we want your citizens to know that we do appreciate the cordial and hospitable treatment accorded us.

With best wishes for the continued prosperity of your enterprising community, ask to remain,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

J. Allen Smith, President.

P. S. Barbourville and culture seemed to go hand in hand together.

Commissioner's Sale

Milwaukee Locomotive Mfg. Co.,
vs.
Brush Creek Mine & Mfg. Co.

Persuant to a judgment of the Knox Circuit Court in the above styled action, I will on Saturday, April 29, 1916, at the mines of the defendant at Wheeler, Knox county, Ky., expose to sale for cash or three months time one gasoline motor, type L-25, gauge 36 inch, wheelbase, 42 in., 115 inches in length.

Said sale is to satisfy a judgment for plaintiff against defendant for the sum of \$1623.97 with 6% interest from Oct. 15, 1915 until paid and \$— court cost and the cost of this sale.

Purchaser if desiring time will be required to give bond with approved security at the sale or property will then and there be resold.

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